

REMARKS

In the application claims 14-32 are pending. No new matter has been added. Claims 14-32 were rejected. More specifically, Claims 14-15, 17-18, 20-22, 24, 26, 29-30 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,102,796 to Pajitnov ("Paj") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,599,231 to Hibino et al. ("Hibino"). Claims 16, 23 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paj in view of Hibino and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,386,543 to Luker ("Luker"). Further, Claims 19, 25, and 27-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paj in view of Hibino and further in view of Applicant's admission of prior art.

The undersigned attorney would also like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview that occurred on April 8, 2003. During the interview, the undersigned attorney and the Examiner discussed the prior art that was cited by the Examiner. It was agreed that the prior art did not disclose creating a game at the server, however, the Examiner does not believe that the current claims describe those features. Based on this discussion, Applicant has amended the independent claims in this application. In view of the foregoing Amendments and Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that these Amendments be entered and the outstanding rejections be reconsidered.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that any amendments to the claims that were not made in response to the Examiner's objections or rejections were made for non-statutory purposes. Accordingly, any such amendments should not limit the scope of the invention, which is to be given the full breadth of the claims language and any equivalents thereof. Based on the foregoing


Amendments and Remarks, the subject application is considered to be in condition for allowance. Such action on the part of the Examiner is respectfully requested. If, however, the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite the allowance of the subject application, it is suggested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney.

While it is not believed that any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiencies to deposit account number 011,156.

Respectfully submitted,

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